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Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless if displays a valid OMB control number. Docket Number (Optional) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) 13194-00160-US FY 2009 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).) Application Number 10/501,837-Conf. #6922 Filed December 15, 2004 REFRACTORY METAL AND ALLOY REFINING BY LASER FORMING AND MELTING Art Unit 1793 Examiner N. T. Mai This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): Small Entity Fee Fee One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$130 \$65 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$490 \$245 Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$1110 \$555 1110.00 Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$1730 \$865 Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$2350 \$1175 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 03-2775 WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. I am the applicant/inventor. assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. Registration Number attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 /Ashley I. Pezzner/ May 29, 2009 Signature Date Ashley I. Pezzner (302) 658-9141 Typed or printed name Telephone Number NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below. Total of 1 forms are submitted.